

illustrates pictorially what is meant by a partially conically-shaped nail-head receiving recess. More particularly, the nail-head receiving recess 28 includes a curved surface 76 and a flat surface 78. The curved surface 76 curves generally about a conical axis C (Figs. 9 and 16) which extends generally parallel with the vertical axis V. The flat surface 78 intersects the curved surface 76 along a curved edge 80, from a vertical perspective along the vertical axis V. The flat surface 78 is disposed between the curved surface 76 and the point of intersection P. In other words, the flat surface 78 is positioned closer to the top surface 62 of the nail-setting claw hammer head 50 of the invention. This provides a inverse ramp like void which progressively becomes wider and deeper. The head of the nail is held at the deepest position possible in a wedging like effect.

On Page 9, Paragraph 0048:

[0048] A second embodiment of a nail-setting claw hammer head 150 is shown in Figs. 10 and 11. The second embodiment of the nail-setting claw hammer head 150 of the invention is identical to the first embodiment of the nail-setting claw hammer head 50 of the invention except for the configuration of the nail-head receiving recess 128. The second exemplary embodiment of the nail-setting claw hammer head 150 of the invention has a hemispherically-shaped nail-head receiving recess 129. As a result, its opening 174 is circular. This provides a progressively deepening void in which the head of the nail is held at the deepest position possible and where the head of the nail will be self-centered with no lateral movement possible.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 3 and 12 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 10 and 13 as set forth below in clean form.

Additionally, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.121(c)(1)(ii), the amended claim(s) are set forth in a marked-up version in the page(s) attached to this Amendment.

1. (Twice Amended) A nail-setting claw hammer head, comprising: